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SUBJ: GOP DECOLONIZATION PLAN FOR ANGOLA

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AF/S DIRECTOR O'NEILL AND DCM NOVEMBER 29, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JORGE CAMPINOS CONFIRMED THAT GOP IS HOPEFUL OF CONVENING ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE ON FUTURE OF ANGOLA IN DECEMBER IN LISBON. FNLA AND UNITA HAVE DEFINITELY AGREED TO ATTEND MEETING AND BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE IS THAT MPLA (NETO) WILL ALSO BE IN ATTENDANCE. CAMPINOS INDICATED THAT NEITHER CHIPENDA NOR ANDRADE FACTIONS WOULD BE AT MEETING, ADDING THAT IN FACT THE ANDRADE FACTION NOW SEEMS TO BE ITSELF SPLIT IN THREE PARTS.

2. CAMPINOS SAID GOP POSITION AT THE MOMENT IS TO FORM A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY A HIGH COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY LISBON WHO WOULD BE A PORTUGUESE WITH THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS EACH GETTING ONE SECRETARY OF STATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT'S MAIN TASK WOULD BE TO ORGANIZE ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. CAMPINOS EMPHASIZED THAT

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THIS WAS THE SOLUTION THE GOP HOPES FOR BUT THAT IT IS PREPARED

TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS POINT. HOWEVER THEY ARE DETERMINED TO HAVE A POPULAR CONSULTATION OF SOME SORT IN ANGOLA WHETHER IT BE ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OR SOME OTHER FORM. THE GOP HOPES THAT THE FORMULA NEGOTIATED WITH THE MLSTP WHICH CONTAINS A PROVISION FOR ELECTION OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY (A POINT ON WHICH THERE WERE THE MOST DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS) WILL BECOME A PATTERN FOR POPULAR CONSULTATIONS IN BOTH CAPE VERDE AND ANGOLA. IN CONFIDENCE, HE STATED THAT GOP HAD SECRET AGREEMENT FOR SUCH CONSULTATION IN CAPE VERDE. HE CONCLUDED BY OBSERVING THAT IF THE GOP SUCCEEDS IN THIS EFFORT IT MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE AN ORIGINAL PORTUGUESE CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICA: A MULTI-PARTY STATE.
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